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SUBJECT: SIGNIFICANCE OF FEBRUARY 5 TURKISH AID CUTOFF

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- 1. FCO'S GOODISON (WHO IS A KEY ELEMENT IN SUCH BRITISH DECISIONS) TELLS US THAT, IF DENKTASH TODAY PROPOSES RETURN OF 5,000 GREEK CYPRIOTS TO ATHIENOU AREA PER REFTEL AND GREEK CYPRIOTS DO NOT REJECT IT, HE WOULD BE WILLING TO CONSIDER IT A TURKISH GESTURE RESPONSIVE TO RELEASE OF TURKS FROM WSBA, AND WOULD SO CHARACTERIZE IT ONCE IT BECAME PUBLIC. HMG BADLY NEEDS SOMETHING TO PRESENT TO BRITISH PUBLIC.
- 2. SPECULATING AS TO POSSIBLE IMPORTANCE OF THAT GESTURE IN RELATION TO USG FEBRUARY 5 DEADLINE, GOODISON SAID HE CONSIDERS TURKISH MOVE A BREAKTHROUGH IN PRINCIPLE, EVEN IF THE NUMBERS ARE NOT TOO HIGH. IF FCO SPOKESMEN WERE SUBSEQUENTLY ASKED TO WHOM TURKISH GESCONFIDENTIAL

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TURE SHOULD BE ATTRIBUTED, SECRETARY KISSINGER'S EFFORTS

OR RELEASE OF TURKS FROM SBA, GOODISON WOULD BE CONTENT WITH LINE THAT US AND UK GOVERNMENTS ARE ALWAYS IN CLOSE CONTACT ON MATTERS AFFECTING CYPRUS AND MIGHT BOTH TAKE CREDIT. (COMMENT: WE THINK THIS LINE COULD BE HANDLED HERE IN WAY NOT TO AGAIN MUDDY WATERS REGARDING ANY USG INVOLVEMENT IN BRITISH DECISION TO RELEASE TURKS FROM SBA.)

- 3. GOODISON CONTINUES TO JUDGE TURKISH OFFER ON USE OF FAMAGUSTA PORT A NONSTARTER. HE THINKS GREEK CYPRIOTS WILL TURN IT DOWN.
- 4. GOODISON SHARES DEPARTMENT'S ASSESSMENT OF DENKTASH'S INCLINATION TO BOMBAST (LAST PARA REFTEL). HE TOO IS INCLINED TO JUDGE TALK OF DECLARING INDEPENDENT STATE PREMATURE AT THIS TIME AND PROBABLY A DENKTASH BLUFF.

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